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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM ROME AUG 18:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 13414

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TAGS: ASEC

SUBJ: KIDNAP - CANADIAN CITIZEN

REF: LISBON 6361

1. JUSTIN DART, DART INDUSTRIES, HAS ALSO BEEN IN FREQUENT TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH LEGATT ROME. LEGATT HAS KEPT DART FULLY ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

2. DART'S REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA, VILMOS BORBIRO, TRAVELED TO ROME FROM GENEVA AUGUST 12, 1977, AND REGISTERED AT MEDITERRANEO HOTEL. AT 11:30 P.M., AUGUST 12, 1977, BORBIRO ADVISED LEGATT HE HAS JUST RECEIVED CALL FROM KIDNAPPERS. INDIVIDUAL SPEAKING VERY BROKEN ENGLISH MENTIONED AMOUNT OF \$500,000 AND SAID BORBIRO SHOULD BE BACK FOR NEW CONTACT IN SEVEN DAYS.

3. ON AUGUST 13, 1977, LEGATT ESCORTED TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADIAN EMBASSY TO ROME'S ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE (INP) HEADQUARTERS
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LENGTHY AND DETAILED DISCUSSION OF CASE WAD HAS WITH INP, AS WELL AS PORTUGUESE POLICE OFFICIAL WHO WAS IN ROME COORDINATING WITH INP. INP AT THAT TIME ADVISED NO PERTINENT INFORMATION HAD BEEN DEVELOPED TO DATE IN ITALY.

4. ON AUGUST 18, 1977, L. STANLEY HARBESON, EX-FBI AGENT,

CONTACTED LEGATT AND CASE REVIEWED WITH HIM. HARBESON ADVISED
BORBIRO WILL ARRIVE ROME AT NON AUGUST 18 AND WILL SPEND NIGHT
AT HOTEL HILTON WHERE HARBESON ALSO LODGED.

5. BORBIRO AND HARBESON WILL MOVE TO MEDITERRANEO AUGUST 19.
LEGATT CONTACTED INP AUGUST 18 AND IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FOR
DISCREET MEETING BETWEEN INP, BORBIRO AND HARBESON FOR AFTERNOON
OF AUGUST 18 IN ORDER TO DISCUSS TACTICS BORBIRO SHOULD
FOLLOW IN NEXT CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS. IN THAT REGARD, INP ADVISED
IT WILL HAVE FULL COVERAGE ON ALL INCOMING CALLS TO
BORBIRO AT MEDITERRANEO.

6. ROME WILL PERIODICALLY ADVISE OF DEVELOPMENTS. HOLMES
UNQUOTE VANCE

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